

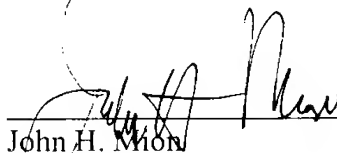
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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REMARKS

Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to correct obvious typographical errors therein.

Claim 22 has been amended to eliminate its multiple dependency.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

18. (Amended) The portable object according to ~~any of~~ claim 1, wherein it is powered by an accumulator able to be recharged by induction.

19. (Amended) The portable object according to ~~any of~~ claim 1, wherein it includes display means for time-related or other data.

22. (Amended) A method for controlling at least an electronic function such as an horological function of a portable object according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, including the step of selecting the desired electronic function by applying a finger to the touch-sensitive key associated with said function, wherein it further includes the step of exerting a mechanical stress on the portable object to confirm the selection of said function and/or to activate said function and, if necessary, to generate an acoustic signal to indicate to a user that the desired function has actually been switched on.